

# After Hearing Babe Ruth Sing, Critics Predict Brilliant Success for Him in the Movies

## B. RUTH ASTONISHES AUDIENCE WITH SONG AND A LOT OF ACTING

Bambino in Vaudeville Debut Here. Makes Big Hit Because He Does Not Dance—Voice Is Husky, But Singing Does Not Suffer

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MISTER GEORGE HERMAN RUTH, modestly and becomingly billed as "His Majesty, Babe Ruth," is among us. Mister Ruth is a ball player. He plays with the New York Yankees, which lost the championship of New York last fall. He is a well-known singer, as they term it in baseball circles, and makes many home runs. In fact, hitting the "big one" of the park is one of the VERY best things he does, and this can be proved by consulting any of Mr. Spalding's baseball guides.

Mister Ruth is visiting here this week, not in the capacity of a ball player, although this statement is open to criticism. A lot of people still insist he is a ball player—regardless.

His majesty is debuting at Keith's Theatre in a one-act skit, which is fortunate. He acts all over the stage, makes one complete change and does the best he can to earn his weekly stipend, which has assumed the robust proportions of an automobile license number. The Babe is accompanied by Wellington Cross, who may or may not be related to Chris or his well-known double. Wellington is not needed any more than gasoline in an automobile. Wellington is a regular actor.

However, and that is it, in his forty years. After making his debut, the audience left the theatre and said they never had seen such acting. That might have been a boast if one is broadminded and very sympathetic.

The house was packed when the Babe appeared. This is nothing strange or unusual. The better singer always draws big crowds. It means nothing to him and now he means nothing to the crowds.

But it must be said in all fairness that Mister Ruth is not like other vaudeville acts. Absolutely not. He doesn't dance. This is no slam at his vaudeville ability because he might be a better dancer. But he does something else. Yes, he puts something over that is just as awe-inspiring, just as startling and unguessed as the peace conference and other highly advertised affairs.

Ruth sings. He actually and positively SINGS. But it is not that fact alone which caused the astonishment of those who jammed Keith's Theatre. It is the fashion in which he sings.

THE audience admitted after it was all over that they never had heard such singing.

The Babe has Pleasing Voice for Singing

IT WAS a big surprise to those who have heard the clarion bellows from the mighty mauler during the regular baseball season when he is on the coaching lines. The vocal tones of the hitting hero carried to the far end of the bleachers with sincerity in every note. Then, to know that one was cooped up in a building, where nothing interfered with the voice, where every syllable was accentuated instead of muffled, the prospect of listening to a real song was almost too much.

But the spectators were slightly nervous when Ruth draped his huge bulk on a slender anemic chair and nonchalantly announced that he was singing. They quipped the edges of their seats and shut their eyes. The faces of strong men blanched at the prospect. The patter of falling plaster from the walls was expected at any minute and kept the customers in a constant state of nervousness.

The orchestra played, the suppressed excitement was at fever heat and the Babe opened his cavernous mouth. Those who had closed their eyes opened them in astonishment. The notes that came out of that deep chest were like a gentle, balmy zephyr instead of a roaring, discordant typhoon. True, a few might have been spurious and slightly sour, but they were calm and gentle just the same.

The song was entitled "Little by Little." The plot is that the Babe now is on the stage and bams like John Drew, the Barrymores, Fred Stone and others had better watch their step. There are two verses, the first and the second. Also a pair of choruses. Mister Ruth got by beautifully, although his voice was slightly hoarse and couldn't be heard very well. He should do well in the movies.

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Here Is the Painless Plot of the Act

THE Babe is used as the plot of the act, which is something to be explained later. The idea is to bring him on the stage painlessly if possible. Wellington Cross is located in a flat. He is rehearsing a new act and is using a flat for that purpose because he can act sometimes fall that way. There is a telephone in the flat. Also a telephone.

A phone conversation is held with Bob Shawkey, who is supposed to be at the Polo Grounds. Bob says that Babe will be up and expose a contract to appear in Keith's vaudeville. That is the tip-off that Ruth is in the house. Nobody would have been able to guess it if Shawkey hadn't called up.

Then the Babe appears. He is dressed as all ball players dress when walking home from the park. He wears his uniform, carried a bag of golf clubs, a suitcase and a baseball bat. Perhaps the bat was carried for purposes of self-protection. The golf bag and clubs haven't been explained yet.

He enters and shows his contract. Wellington Cross reads it and makes a comment. Then the Babe shows how to make home runs and explains how it is done.

"You grab the bat like this," he said, "swing the ball, swing like this and when somebody gets a new American League baseball for nothing."

Youngsters who have aspirations of emulating the mighty Babe should follow that advice. You have the whole system in two lines.

Then comes the song. The Babe's voice is not what it should be because he lost it some place between here and Cleveland. He left that city Sunday night at midnight on a milk train and helped deliver the milk until Pittsburgh was reached. Then he came here by slow stages. Harry Jordan had a big airplane at Pittsburgh to haul him here if the train was late, but fortunately for the machine it was not needed.

THE night was and the milk were too much. Then there was some delay because the Babe had to have his clothes changed. His clothes were changed and he had to have a small appearance. Then the Babe had a couple of more jokes and filled in the time.

Marvelous Mind-Reading Accomplishment

BUT the best part of the act was the finale. After the song, the Babe handed his huge bulk to the audience, which he made the quick change. Attired in a neat black business suit, which had been freshly pressed, he sat in another chair, took a handkerchief over his eyes and put on a mind-reading stave.

He was good, VERY good. He described articles of jewelry like my expert. Mister Cross walked through the audience. He stopped before one of the customers.

"This lady has something on her wrist. What is it? Watch out, or you might make a mistake."

"It's a watch," said Ruth promptly.

"This man has a button on the lapel of his coat."

## BURMAN IS VICTOR OVER JOHN BROWN

Small Crowd Sees Poor Bout Caused by Substitutions at the Olympia

DYSON DEFEATS MURRAY

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

THE big crowd that stayed away from the Olympia last night had all the breaks—the absent fans didn't miss much. The usual weekly five-bout program was put on, but, like the weather—not so good and, like the elements, the handful of spectators there were disagreeable.

With all due respect to the management, it really wasn't its fault, as an unusual break in the card sort of turned everything topsy-turvy. Of the five matches originally arranged by Matchmaker Herman Taylor, only one went through as per schedule. In each of the other matches there was at least one substitute—there couldn't be more than two.

Because of illness suffered by Phil O'Dowd, who was supposed to take on Joe Burman in the wind-up, Johnny Brown of England was lifted from the semi-final and he went in against the Chicagoan. Tommy Murray answered the bell in Brown's stead in the bout with Bobby Tyson. Both these contests went the regulation eight rounds.

Brown Holds

Burman tried his utmost to make a good bout, but Brown was edgily too careful in the early rounds. While a shifty and clever boxer, the Britisher did too much holding; however, in the latter rounds, Johnny came back and scored with some early punches.

However, Burman's early advantage and his continued work in the clinches outlasted him in the decision.

Taking all sorts of chances in his eagerness to connect with a quietest warrior, Burman left himself wide open in the last few rounds, and his lack of form. He peppered Joey with a number of straight lefts and short right-hand punches, so that at the finish Burman was bleeding from his mouth.

For four rounds Murray held Tyson even, but thereafter Tommy became careless and Bobby got in a lot of his punches, which were effective. However, the final round, Burman proved himself a game and rugged little battler, and the New Bedford lad was unable even to score a knockdown.

Murray deserved a lot of credit for his exhibition, when it is taken into consideration that he had only twenty-four hours' notice for the contest. Tommy surprised by winning the first round. He held the hard-punching Tyson even in the second, was behind in the third and then came back and scored a 70-50 split for the fourth. In the concluding periods, however, Dyson went out in front, and he won by a margin.

Rice Is Winner

Frankie Rice, of Baltimore, and Gus Francetti, of this city, were the only men to face each other as scheduled. Rice, through his own carelessness, took the lead at the outset, and it was not until the final round that Francetti was able to score advantage, but this was unable to overcome Frankie's big advantage and the Baltimorean stepped from the ring a winner.

Ben Taylor, of England, substituted for Billy Richards and he posed a good fight for Willie Moore, who made his return appearance in the ring after an absence of several years. Willie socked and rocked Ben almost from the start, and the Englishman succeeded in keeping his feet until the end. He certainly welcomed the final clasp of the gong, and so did the fans, because it was a one-sided fight.

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## HOW TO START THE DAY WRONG



## JOHN BULL PLANS SPORT 'COMEBACK'

British Find Little Satisfaction in Contemplation of '21 Records, Especially in Golf

TO SEND AMATEUR TEAM

By SANDY McBRILLICK

JOHN BULL finds little satisfaction in his meager list of international successes on the sporting field, according to Arthur S. Draper, a noted critic, abroad. The bewhiskered gentleman plans a real "comeback" next season.

But viewing the situation in a broader way the same writer finds that the year 1921 has been a notable one and finds in it a reason for even more international competition next year.

Few nations can compare to Great Britain in sport-loving enthusiasts, though the average Briton is the least demonstrative in expressing his appreciation of athletic merit.

Great as the throngs that filled the Polo Grounds during the World's Series and the Yale Bowl at the Harvard game the number did not compare with that at the football game between England and Scotland.

There are a thousand race followers at Newark. About as Liverpool for the ten at Bowle, Laurel or Havre de Gras. Britain is a sport-loving if not a sport-mad country.

Clever Plays Please

The average Briton is as much pleased by a single clever play as he is by the victory of the team he supports.

Nevertheless our British consins believe the lion got a bit too much trampling on in the past season and that this matter should be adjusted in the season to come.

Particularly does this situation apply to golf. America has a team entered in the British amateur and British open tournaments in the British Isles.

For the first time in history the British team was beaten on the eve of the amateur by the Americans, a decided shock.

The Yankee team triumphed in the open when Hutcheson won the title. Kerrigan finished third and other Americans placed in the money. This was the worst blow to British professional prestige in many long years.

In our championships the British were repulsed in all three, though Abe Mitchell, George Duncan, Joe Kirkwood, Willie Hunter and Cecil Leitch were entered. Thus, of the six na-

## Tendler and Freedman to Box in N. Y. Dec. 16

Low Tendler and Sailor Freedman are to box together in a decision bout of fifteen rounds at the Madison Square Garden, New York City, December 16. It will be their fourth meeting, and because of the distance there should be little doubt at the finish as to the superior mite.

There was a difference of opinion after their ten-round match in Milwaukee last fall, and the same conditions ruled in their two eight-round summer bouts at the Phillips' ball park. Just now Freedman is in better health, suffering with a damaged right hand as a result of his match with Benny Leonard heps last week, and it may be that the Sailor will have to postpone his bout with Johnny Dundee in Jersey City December 5.

Wethered Shines

In rebuttal it is almost a certainty that a team of British amateur golfers will be sent over here next year, headed by Roger Wethered, now the outstanding link player over there. Cyril Walker, Hunter, present champion, a very formidable trio of young players.

The newly formed Philadelphia P. G. A. will hold a meeting Friday night at Ruppert's hotel to discuss the proposed formation of a new club. The club will be named the Philadelphia P. G. A. and will have a full attendance at the meeting.

H. B. Swope, a local enthusiast, is one of the directors of the new club. He is assisted by J. J. Swope, J. J. Walker, Paddy Doyle, Bobby Cruickshank and others assisted in the inaugural ceremonies last week.

Hugh Hamill had a hole in one shot record on the west course at Merion. He did it last Sunday on Nov. 12 at 127.

"There is only one way to putt," said Robert Hunter, who is a professional golfer. "The ball and putting stick down on it. Then you are in luck. Any other position gives an angle."

North Hills expects the greatest crowd ever attended any club reception when this club holds its party December 21 at Edger Hill.

The new green at Lu Lu's No. 2 is coming along nicely and will be open for play in the spring. It will decidedly improve the hole.

Catalechio has a solid membership back of it efforts to have the "garden course of America." It is anticipated what cooperation has achieved at this club.

## ZBYSZKO RETAINS WRESTLING TITLE

Recognition of Old-Time Rolling Fall Causes Defeat of Ed (Strangler) Lewis

CHAMPION THROWN FIRST

New York, Nov. 29.—Wrestling titles of years ago were enforced here last night, and recognition was given the rolling fall, which enabled Stanislaus Zbyszko to retain his heavyweight wrestling title in a finish match with Ed (Strangler) Lewis.

This old rule, which Zbyszko said had many matches for him in the early days of his career, provides that when a contestant is compelled in escaping from a hold to roll so that both his shoulders touch the mat momentarily a fall shall be awarded to his opponent.

The referee of last night's contest awarded Zbyszko his first fall on this roll, when Lewis rolled out of a half Nelson and caught hold.

The rolling fall rule has not been included in the terms of any other championship wrestling hold held in the last ten years, followers of the game said.

Lewis won the first fall last night with a flying headlock after seventeen minutes and thirty-one seconds of wrestling. Zbyszko was awarded the second fall after twenty-one minutes, twenty-six seconds, and the third fall, after the second fall, came in eight minutes and fifty-six seconds. Zbyszko taking Lewis to the mat with a double arm lock.

## ANNOUNCE DATES

Germantown High Will Open Basketball Season With Northeast

Germantown High School's basketball schedule to date was announced this morning. The schedule has yet to be completed. Seven dates still have to be filled. Games arranged so far are:

December 7, Germantown home; 8th, South; 14th, West; 15th, Philadelphia; 16th, Frankford; 20th, Central; 23rd, tentative; 24th, Central; 25th, tentative; 26th, Central; 27th, Philadelphia; 28th, Frankford; 29th, Central; 30th, tentative; 31st, Philadelphia.

Pratt to Lead Harvard Harriers

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 29.—The members of the Harvard cross-country team have elected Herbert E. Pratt, Jr. of New York City to captain next fall's harriers. He prepared for college at St. Paul's school and has been a member of the varsity team for two seasons.

New Opponents for Kentucky

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 29.—Alabama and University of Virginia may be added to the annual football schedule of the University of Kentucky, according to an announcement made today. Three games will be additional to the annual schedule, which will include Louisville, Tennessee and Vanderbilt. Pending confirmation from Atlanta on December 2, no dates have been announced.

Baltimore Gets Title Swim

Baltimore, Nov. 29.—The national girls' title in indoor swimming championships for women will be decided in the Baltimore Athletic Club pool some time during the week. Lorraine Caswell, president of the Atlantic Union, announced. She said the leading organizations in New York City, Detroit and other cities had agreed to send their fastest swimmers for the event.

## BUELL IN FRONT RANK AMONG QUARTERBACKS

For All-Around Smartness and General Value, Harvard Star Is at Head of Class, Says Rice—Quick Thinker and Level-Headed

By GRANTLAND RICE

A Football Hall of Fame—Ends—Roberts, Centre; Muller, Lafayette; Williams, Nebraska; Kiley, Notre Dame; Anderson, Notre Dame; Tackles—Slater, Iowa; Huffman, Ohio State; McGuire, Chicago; Shaw, Notre Dame; McMillan, California; Williams, Lafayette.

Guards—Schwab, Lafayette; Brown, Harvard; Haer, Penn State; Centers—Stein, Pittsburgh; Vick, Michigan; Larsen, Navy.

Quarterbacks—Devine, Iowa; Killinger, Penn State; Buell, Harvard; McMillin, Centre.

Halfbacks—Aldrich, Yale; Owen, Harvard; Stuart, Ohio State; Wilson, Penn State; Barron, Georgia Tech; Williams, Wisconsin; Caspella, Lafayette; Davies, Pittsburgh; Mohardt, Notre Dame.

Fullbacks—Wynne, Notre Dame; Thomas, Chicago; Elliott, Lafayette.

(Note, this list embraces only those who have seen or those upon whom we could get direct definite testimony from various coaches and officials.)

Outstanding Figures

OUTSTANDING figures of the year must include Aldrich, of Yale; Killinger, of Penn State; Buell, of Harvard; Roberts and McMillin, of Centre; Mohardt, of Notre Dame.

If one had to name the four greatest players of the year, Owen, Aldrich, of Yale, halfback; Killinger, of Penn State, and Devine, of Iowa, quarterback, and Red Roberts, of Centre, end.

As keen a judge as Tack Hardwick says Roberts is one of the greatest ends and one of the greatest stars that ever played football.

The Keenest Brain

IF THE vote is ever taken for the smartest quarterback that ever played football, Charles Buell, of Harvard, will get his complete share of the official count.

Buell is something more than a great field general. He is a fine, quick thinker and one of the coolest heads in the business.

He isn't big and he isn't husky, but his brain is never at rest. He has a way of winking at a rival, passing some pleasant remark and then shooting a play through the astonished opponent before he is set.

Duell's System

IN THE Harvard-Penn State game one of the big Penn State tackles called out to Buell:

"Hey, kid, send a play through here!"

Buell looked him over, smiled and winked and made this reply: "All right, big. I'll send you a play through here!"

"Well, well, big boy," Buell continued, "maybe you were not set that time. Try this one." And once more a Harvard back crashed through for another 7 yards.

"You're all excited," Buell remarked at this point. "I'll let you rest for a play or two and try the other side of the line—which he did for another 7-yard game."

The Yale Game

WHEN Buell made his 44-yard run against Yale he expected to cross the line for a touchdown, but some Yale tackle smothered him from behind, hearing him to the earth.

Buell lay stretched out on the mat without a quiver. "Are you hurt?" one of the officials rushed up to ask. "No," he said, "barely opening his eyes, but damn disappointed."

Later on in the game, when Yale was defending her goal line, Captain Aldrich was telling his linemen how to play. "Go low," he exhorted, "and grab the legs you can."

It was the most dramatic moment of the game. In the midst of the excitement where was Buell? Merely leaning far over the Harvard line almost in Aldrich's face, listening to every word he said.

At the conclusion of the Yale exhibition Buell went back to Owen and told him what Aldrich was saying. "Let 'em drop and then climb over their backs," which is just what Owen did.

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## Zeimer and Farese Are to Be Palace Opponents

Cleveland and Newark Boxers Meet in Star Bout Tonight

A brace of out of town boxers will meet in the wind-up at the Ice Palace tonight when Al Zeimer, Johnny Killinger's bantam protégé from Cleveland, takes on Harold Farese, of Newark. The match is scheduled for eight rounds.

Tom McLaughlin, of Baltimore, is in Philadelphia tonight with Young Mackey, a class featherweight. Mackey will go on in the semi-final at the Palace with a well-matched six-rounder with Gus Francetti.

In the other bouts Normy Britton and Bobie Burman, a pair of southpaws, will meet in the main event. Zeimer will be opposed to Billy Haas and Charley Duggan is scheduled to box Billy Parker.

Referre Halts Roper-Reed Bout

Atlantic City, Nov. 29.—The refereed bout between Roper and Reed, which was scheduled for eight rounds at the Ice Palace, was stopped by the referee in the second round after Roper had been badly beaten by Reed. The referee awarded the bout to Reed.

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## FOR SOUTHWEST TITLE

All-Philadelphia Football Eleven Arrange Game With Vincennes

The All-Philadelphia football eleven has arranged a game for the football championship of Southwest Philadelphia with Vincennes next Saturday afternoon on the Pleisler grounds, at Twenty-sixth and Reed streets, at 2 o'clock.